

CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A device to be secured to a submersible portion of a boat lift to stabilize the submersible portion of a boat lift from unwanted lateral movement caused by current, wave, or wind action comprising at least one rigid piece, said at least one rigid piece secured to a submersible portion of a boat lift, said rigid piece mounted on a submersible portion of a boat lift generally parallel to a surface of water and located between a boat hull supporting structure on said submersible portion of a boat lift and a piling supporting a boat lift ~~and in proximity to a piling supporting a boat lift~~ whereby said at least one rigid piece is in proximity to said piling and limits the amount of lateral motion of the submersible portion of a boat lift on which said rigid piece is mounted by contact with a piling.

2. (Currently amended) A device to be secured to a submersible portion of a boat lift to stabilize the submersible portion of a boat lift from unwanted lateral movement caused by current, wave, or wind action of Claim 1 further comprising said at least one rigid piece for each of at least two pilings, whereby said at least one rigid piece is in proximity to said one of at least two pilings and limits the degree of lateral motion of the submersible portion of a boat lift on which said one of at least one rigid piece is mounted by contact with one of at least two pilings.

3. (Original) A device to be secured to a submersible portion of a boat lift to stabilize the submersible portion of a boat lift from unwanted lateral movement caused by current, wave, or wind action of Claim 2 further comprising said at least one rigid piece for each one of a plurality of pilings.

4. (Currently amended) A device to be secured to a submersible portion of a boat lift to stabilize the submersible portion of a boat lift from unwanted lateral movement caused by current, wave, or wind action of Claim 3 wherein at least one rigid piece is a generally elongated ~~pipe-like~~ cylindrical piece secured to a submersible portion of the boat lift.

5. (Currently amended) A device to be secured to a submersible portion of a boat lift to stabilize the submersible portion of a boat lift from unwanted lateral movement caused by current, wave, or wind action of Claim 4 wherein said at least one generally elongated pipe-like piece further contains means for cushioning contact between said at least one generally elongated ~~pipe-like~~ cylindrical piece and each of said plurality of pilings.

6. (Currently amended) A device to be secured to a submersible portion of a boat lift to stabilize the submersible portion of a boat lift from unwanted lateral movement caused by current, wave, or wind action of Claim 5 wherein, for each piling of plurality of pilings, there is a first generally elongated ~~pipe-like~~ cylindrical piece and a second generally elongated ~~pipe-like~~ cylindrical piece, said first generally elongated pipe-like piece mounted to said second generally elongated ~~pipe-like~~ cylindrical piece at a generally right angle.

7. (Currently amended) A ~~pipe-like~~ generally elongated cylindrical device in combination with a submersible portion of a boat lift and pilings used to support said boat lift comprising, for each of said pilings, a generally elongated ~~pipe-like~~ cylindrical device secured to said submersible portion of a boat lift generally parallel to a surface of water and in proximity to said piling.

8. (Currently amended) A ~~pipe-like~~ generally elongated cylindrical device in combination with a submersible portion of a boat lift and pilings used to support said boat lift of Claim 7 wherein said generally elongated ~~pipe-like~~ cylindrical device contains means for cushioning contact between said generally elongated ~~pipe-like~~ cylindrical device and said piling.

9. (Currently amended) A ~~pipe-like~~ generally elongated cylindrical device in combination with a submersible portion of a boat lift and pilings used to support a boat lift of Claim 8 wherein said generally elongated ~~pipe-like~~ cylindrical device is constructed of corrosion-resistant materials.

10. (Currently amended) A method to stabilize the submersible portion of a boat lift from unwanted lateral movement caused by wave, wind, or current action comprising:

- (a) providing at least one rigid piece;
- (b) securing said at least one rigid piece to a submersible portion of a boat lift, said at least one rigid piece secured generally parallel to a surface of water and ~~in proximity to~~ located between a boat hull supporting structure on said submersible portion of said boat lift and a piling supporting said boat lift whereby said securing at least one rigid piece limits the amount of lateral motion by contacting said piling.

11. (Currently amended) A method to stabilize the submersible portion of a boat lift from unwanted lateral movement caused by wave, wind, or current action of Claim 10 further comprising ~~providing a~~ securing at least one rigid piece located between a boat hull supporting structure on said submersible portion of a boat lift and a piling for ~~a rigid piece in proximity to~~ each piling on which a submersible portion of a boat lift is mounted.

12. (Currently amended) A method to stabilize the submersible portion of a boat lift from unwanted lateral movement caused by wave, wind, or current action of Claim 11 wherein said

providing at least one rigid piece further includes providing a generally elongated ~~pipe-like~~ cylindrical piece.

13. (Currently amended) A method to stabilize the submersible portion of a boat lift from unwanted lateral movement caused by wave, wind, or current action of Claim 12 wherein providing said at least one generally elongated ~~pipe-like~~ cylindrical piece further includes providing means for cushioning contact between said at least one generally elongated ~~pipe-like~~ cylindrical piece and each of said pilings.